

Edison's Great Electric Plant Almost Wiped Out Loss Is Seven Millions

FIRE SWEEPED OVER TEN ACRES
WHERE MAMMOTH FACTOR-
IES WERE LOCATED.

THIRTY-FIVE HUNDRED MEN ARE
TEMPORARILY THROWN OUT
OF EMPLOYMENT.

STEPS HAVE BEEN TAKEN TO
REBUILD—LABORATORY AND
RECORDS SAVED.

By Associated Press.
WEST ORANGE, N. J., Dec. 10.—When the fire which swept the 10-acre manufacturing plant of the Thos. A. Edison Company here was extinguished today, a hurried inventory of damage developed that 11 of the 13 buildings had been destroyed, others had been damaged and the loss would approximate \$7,000,000. Seven thousand men are employed at the plant and half of these, it is estimated, will be out of work temporarily.

The entire force of employees was put to work today removing the debris. Under the active supervision of Thos. A. Edison they began tearing down the concrete walls which had to be removed while the embers were cooling.

Immediate steps to rebuild have been taken.

At least one man perished in the flames. This became known today with the finding of a charred body in the ruins of the film house where the explosion occurred which started the blaze. Two other men, both workmen, were reported missing.

The flames were beaten back from the laboratory and workshop of Mr. Edison, where were stored innumerable records and material gathered from every corner of the world, the result of more than 30 years of Mr. Edison's efforts.

At the height of the fire a force of men removed the most valuable records to Mr. Edison's home not far away.

Prisoners Escape From Town Jail

MANNINGTON, W. Va., Dec. 10.—Yesterday afternoon Chief of Police Humm arrested a man from Hundred, W. Va., on a charge of skipping a board-bill. The man was lodged in the jail about five o'clock, by the police, and when the police returned to the jail about eleven o'clock last night, the "bird" had flown.

The man evidently had not been locked in a cell and had used a box piled upon a chair to make his escape through the transom. Efforts are being made to find the prisoner, as it is thought that he did not leave town.

One Plain Drunk.
Only one man was in Police Court this morning. His case was only a plain drunk, to which he confessed. He was let off with the minimum fine of \$5.00. He paid this amount and was released.

Mrs. Noel Weaver and son, of Morgantown, are the guests of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. S. McKinney, on First street.



Weather—Western Pennsylvania—Cloudy tonight and Friday. Probably snow and rain. Colder tonight. West Virginia—Snow tonight and probably Friday.

READ THE WEST VIRGINIAN

- It is on sale each evening at the following places:
- FAIRMONT.
- Fairmont News Agency, Monroe street.
- Marion News Agency, Main street.
- A. G. Martin's News Agency, Main street.
- J. H. McCloskey, Drug Store, Locust avenue.
- Hamilton Drug Co., Tenth street.
- Moran and Springer, Water street.
- J. B. Rose, Main St. and Parks avenue.
- Holt's Novelty Store, Main street.
- Clarence Fisher, Grocer, Market and Columbia Sts., First ward.
- Howard C. Cunningham, Grocer, Morgantown Ave., near Owens' Works.
- MANNINGTON.
- Smith and Millan News Agency.
- FARMINGTON.
- F. G. Gray, Grocer.

SENTIMENT IS AGAINST MAKING UNITED STATES A MILITARY NATION

By Associated Press.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—Secretary Daniels told the House naval committee today that while the American navy should be "steadily strengthened in an orderly way" each year, the sentiment of the American people was against making the United States into a military nation in competition with the heavy armed powers of Europe. The secretary's declaration today, close upon the remarkable testimony of Rear Admiral Fletcher, commander of the Atlantic fleet, who yesterday told the committee there was only one navy in the world, England, to which the United States was not equal, came as a climax to today's discussion of the preparedness of the nation for defense.

Secretary Daniels declared he decried the demand for increases in an array of battleships and submarines and declared the United States already was a strong nation. He outlined this year's plan for two dreadnaughts, six torpedo boat destroyers, eight or more submarines, including

one of the seagoing type and the others for coast defense, one gunboat and one oiler.

He advised Congress not to act any differently in providing for naval strength than it would have acted if there had been no war in Europe. He declared that after the conflict abroad had been settled there would be many lessons made plain and he expressed the hope that universal disarmament might come then, though no nation could afford to stop its construction program until international agreement had become an actuality. Mr. Daniels outlined a plan for a naval reserve to keep 25,000 trained former sailors of the navy for practically instant service, and revealed that all retired officers were being registered for that purpose now.

Questioned by the Congressional committee he agreed that to build a navy against England, a two battleship program would be insufficient, and said: "We are not building against any nation or anybody, but simply against any untoward contingency."

GERMAN CRUISERS STILL FLEEING FROM BRITISH WARSHIPS

Damage Suit In Circuit Court

MELISSA J. ICE SUES B. & O. TO
RECOVER ALLEGED DAM-
AGES TO PROPERTY

A jury in the circuit court is at the present time hearing the evidence in the civil action of Melissa J. Ice vs. the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Co.

Mrs. Ice is asking damages of the company for a house which belonged to her which was burned some time ago and it is alleged that sparks from one of the Company's engines ignited the roof of the house causing the fire. The house was located near Barracville. Witnesses for the plaintiff claim that the building was worth \$2000.00.

Attorneys Tusca, Morris and Frank Haymond are representing the plaintiff while Attorney H. S. Lively is looking after the interest of the railroad company.

The following men compose the jury B. D. Satterfield, A. J. Hess, Frank H. Sanders, S. K. Sargent, Harry Balmberg, Seth E. Martin, L. S. Drago, C. Brooks Fleming, E. E. Boord, Clarence Cramer, F. M. Hamilton, and Anthony Reed.

The case was begun late yesterday and the entire forenoon was spent in examination of the plaintiff's witnesses. It will probably not be finished until late tomorrow.

Battle Developing In Favor of Teutons

By Associated Press.
AMSTERDAM, via London, Dec. 10.—According to advices received here the battle in South Poland is developing favorably for the Germans and Austrians. The Russian forces, which were originally lined up, bow-shaped, around Cracow, according to the dispatch have been repulsed at both wings.

Stamps on Sale.

Red Cross Christmas seals were placed on sale in this city today and will be on sale during the Christmas season. They were placed on sale in the postoffice and the department stores of the city. The sales are in charge of members of the Anti-Tuberculosis League, assisted by a number of young ladies of the community. The local society has received a consignment of 30,000 of the little stickers and it is hoped the public will be generous in their purchases and thus aid the Red Cross Society and incidentally the local organization of the Anti-Tuberculosis League.

Miss Gail Sturm, who had been the guest of relatives here for several days past, returned to her home near Fairview yesterday.

By Associated Press.
MONTEVIDEO, Uruguay, Dec. 10.—Wireless reports here indicate that the German cruisers Dresden and Nürnberg, the survivors in the engagement with an English fleet December 8, in which the Scharnhorst, the Gneisenau and the Leipzig were sunk, closely pursued by British warships, are fleeing in the direction of Fort Santa Cruz, on the Argentine coast, north of the Atlantic entrance to the Straits of Magellan, and west of the Falkland islands.

It is reported here also that the German auxiliary cruiser, Prince Eitel, is cruising in the South Atlantic and that she has on board 1,500 German soldiers.

Will Initiate Large Class

MT. CITY LODGE, KNIGHTS OF
PYTHIAS, AFTER SECOND LEG
ON CUP.

Mt. City Lodge, No. 48, Knights of Pythias, will hold a meeting tonight at their hall on Main street and will initiate a large class of candidates into the work of the second rank.

The lodge is making an effort to win the second leg of the handsome cup offered for the lodge making the greatest gain in membership, the lodge having won the first leg during the past year.

The class which will take the work tonight is a large one and is composed of a number of representative men of the city.

Rev. Birch Preached At Mannington

MANNINGTON, Dec. 10.—Rev. Birch preached in the Presbyterian church last evening on the judgment from the text, "It is appointed unto men once to die, but afterwards the judgment." He tried by clear argument and common sense to show good reasons for a belief in the judgment, saying, "If after all is said and done, the Bible proves to be a myth, what has one lost by believing and following its teachings. But if the Bible is true, and one has not followed it he is the loser. Two chances are better than one."

Tonight Rev. Birch preaches on "Sin—Is it a Fact, a Fancy or a Fad."

Correction.

Attorney W. H. Ralphsnyder calls the West Virginian's attention to a statement made in Tuesday's edition to the effect that he aided R. L. Cunningham in preparing an application blank which was sent to the State Embalming Board. Mr. Ralphsnyder says that he aided him in preparing the application in 1913, but had nothing to do with the 1914 blank. We gladly make this correction.

Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Glasgow are in Moundsville, visiting the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Glasgow.

New Power Plant Ready In February

MONONGAHELA VALLEY TRAC-
TION COMPANY OVERCOMES
ANNOYANCE OF LOW WATER

BIG ENGINES WILL NOT BE AF-
FECTED BY CORRODING
ACIDS

The Monongahela Valley Traction Company, which is controlled by interests identified with the Consolidation Coal Company, and which serves a rich and growing community in Northern West Virginia, is completing at a cost of \$350,000 a new power plant which will be used as an auxiliary to the steam plant which has been furnishing it power with which to operate its lines.

The installation of the new plant was made necessary owing to the polluted water supply following the unprecedented drought, which made the water unfit for steam making and corroded the boilers. It was a new situation that confronted the management for until the long dry spell last summer and consequent low water in the river, which supplied the old plant, the power generated had always been sufficient for the needs of the company. In the circumstances the service was impaired and the cost of operation became abnormal.

The management lost no time in putting into effect a plan to overcome this trouble and the new power plant now nearing completion, operated by gas, is the result. This plant will furnish sufficient power not only for present requirements, but for additional business that will be brought to the company by the natural growth of the territory it serves. The first unit of the new station will go into operation early in February.

The auxiliary plant is located at Hutchinson, about midway between Fairmont, and Clarksburg. The Traction company's new station is composed of three 1250-kilowatt engines, with completed foundation for an additional 1250-kilowatt engine. It is so arranged that six additional engines can be installed if required.

It is not the intention of the company to abandon the 3000-kilowatt steam turbine plant at Jaynes. The plan is to put it in the best condition to provide against breakdowns, and for other emergency and reserve uses, thereby insuring the service under all conditions for the operation of the traction lines and for lighting and power contracts.

Though water conditions at the present Jaynes plant have been normal since the middle of November, and probably will remain satisfactory, so far as impurities are concerned, until the drouths of next summer may again render it unfit for use, the Traction company officials have anticipated all possible contingencies that might impair the service. A large force has been working day and night since September 1 installing the new plant.

Turkey Shows Willingness

By Associated Press.
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 10.—The Turkish government, through Ambassador Morgenthau, has signified to the State Department its willingness that an expedition be sent to the relief of the people of Jerusalem. The expedition is being authorized by Hebrew philanthropic societies in New York, which planned to send a ship through the Mediterranean to Palestine.

Slav Regiments in Austrian Army Revolt

By Associated Press.
VIENNA, via Paris, Dec. 10.—A correspondent at Prague states that confirmation has been received there that the Czech regiments Nos. 28, 108 and 11 and the 8th Landwehr, which were serving against Serbia, revolted on the battle field. The news, according to the correspondent, has created a deep impression in Vienna.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN CHANGED

The funeral of Mr. Alexis Holden, whose death occurred yesterday, will take place on Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the First Baptist church and will be conducted by Rev. W. J. Eddy and Rev. John Brown, pastors of the First Baptist and Palatine Baptist churches, respectively. Interment will be made in Maple Grove cemetery by Undertaker Frd Jenkins. The remains were removed from the home of his son, Dent Holden, this afternoon to his late residence in Locust avenue.

Hole in Pavement.

A hole in the pavement on Ogden avenue has caused several horses and wagons to become stuck in the mud. The bad place is caused by the sinking of the pavement over a new sewer line which was recently laid. Several horses stepped in the hole today and have been extricated with great difficulty. The matter has been reported to the sewer and water department of the city and workmen will be sent to repair the place.

British Squadron Sinks Three German Cruisers In The South Atlantic

BRITISH NAVAL VICTORY IS CHIEF TOPIC FOR ENGLISH DISCUSSION

By Associated Press.
LONDON, Dec. 10.—The British naval victory in the South Atlantic is being discussed in England today almost to the exclusion of all other phases of the war news. Naval observers commenting on the action of the Falkland Islands made note of the fact that in all naval engagements in the present war there is great disparity between the losses both of victor and vanquished. In the case of the British cruisers Monmouth and Good Hope sent to the bottom by a German squadron off the coast of Chili early in November, the Germans were practically unscathed, and the same is true of the British in their victorious engagement in the South Atlantic. In other words, defeat at sea means virtual annihilation and the loss of crews with the exception of such men as the victors may be able to save.

There has been little or no change in the general situation along the battle line in France and Belgium, but the tone of all the French and British official statements reflects more and more the contention of the allies that slowly and surely they are gaining a superior position.

In the eastern arena of the war, the occupation of Lodz by the Germans has been temporarily eclipsed by reports of the development of activity at two other points, notably north of the Vistula from the southern part of East Prussia, whence the Germans are advancing toward Warsaw, and in the country east of Cracow, where combined Austro-German forces are endeavoring to outflank the Russian left. This latter movement, according to a Russian announcement, has up to the present time been repulsed.

Socialist Explains Vote In Reichstag

SAYS WAR WAS BROUGHT ON BY
WAR PARTIES IN GERMANY
AND AUSTRIA.

ATTEMPT TO UNNERVE AND
CRUSH GROWING LABOR
MOVEMENT.

By Associated Press.
AMSTERDAM, via London, Dec. 10.—Dr. Karl Liebknecht, the Socialist member of the Reichstag, who was the only one to vote against the war credit at the recent session of the Reichstag, explained his action just published in Berlin. He says:

"This war was not desired by any of the people now affected nor was it kindred to promote the welfare of the Germans or any other people. It was created by the common action of the German and Austrian war parties in the obscurity of semi-absolutism, and secret diplomacy in order to anticipate their adversaries. At the same time the war is a Napoleonic attempt to unnerve and crush the growing labor movement."

Steve Polish Pleads Guilty

CONFESSED TO ASSAULTING HIS
SWEETHEART AND IS FINED
BY JUSTICE.

Steve Polish, a foreigner living at New England, confessed before Justice Fleming today to the charge of assault upon his sweetheart, Isabel Jock, who also lives in New England.

Polish said that he had recently had some trouble with his best girl and yesterday went to her home to obtain possession of a cross which he had allowed her to wear. He says that when he reached his destination that several members of her family proceeded to assault him with broomsticks and other weapons. He resisted their attacks by slinging rocks, one of which is said to have hit the woman.

Constable Riggs was called and he brought Polish before the justice. He was fined \$5 and costs, which he paid and obtained his release. An effort will be made by the officials to obtain his cross for him.

Kaiser Said To Be Very Ill

NATURE OF HIS DISEASE IS NOT
DEFINITELY GIVEN OUT.

By Associated Press.
LONDON, Dec. 10.—The reported illness of Emperor William continues to be discussed. Some dispatches say it is serious and perhaps pneumonia, while others declare he is a victim of mental depression or that he is suffering from fever chills and influenza. About all that is definitely known, beyond official bulletins which admitted that his majesty is suffering from bronchial catarrh, is that the Emperor has returned quietly and unexpectedly to Berlin.

Paving Report Is Submitted

COMMISSIONER LEHMAN GIVES
STATEMENT OF COST FOR PAV-
ING SIXTH STREET.

City Commissioner of Streets A. L. Lehman has filed with the Board of Affairs a report of the cost of paving Sixth street, which was accepted by that body.

Sixth street was paved between Fairmont and Walnut avenues, the distance of one square. The paved surface is 30 feet wide. Hillside brick were used, laid on cinder base and sand cushion. The following is the cost as filed in the report:

Brick and freight\$604.80
Sand 63.25
Sand 33.75
Drayage on brick 67.20
Labor and teams 167.00
	\$936.00

The cost per square yard as estimated is \$1.17 and per lineal foot is \$1.30.

Two-thirds of the cost will be paid by the property owners, the front of whose places were paved, and the other cost of one-third and the intersections will be borne by the city.

Relief For Passengers

FREIGHT ENGINES TAKING WA-
TER AT LOCAL STATIONS
MUST CUT LOOSE.

In the future passengers at the Baltimore and Ohio passenger station in this city in boarding east bound trains will not be bothered by a long string of freight cars on the west bound track between the depot and their train. Passengers have been complaining for years because at times freight cars almost if not entirely block off the passageway.

The railroad company has recently issued an order to all the crews on west bound freight trains when stopping at the passenger station in this city to keep the cross over in the clear. These orders are also especially necessary to passenger crews; for at times two passenger trains are at the station at one time, with one blocking the crossover.

The train crews have been ordered to cut off the engine when it is necessary to take water and this order will eliminate the necessity of bringing the train of cars in front of the station.

Corry Visited by A \$50,000 Fire

By Associated Press.
Corry, Pa., Dec. 10.—Fire here early today destroyed the Cameron block in the heart of the business section of the city, entailing a loss of \$50,000. Defective wiring is said to have been the cause of the conflagration. The entire block is occupied by merchants.

Germany Confiscates All Copper Articles

By Associated Press.
LONDON, Dec. 10.—According to a telegram from Maastricht, Holland, the Germans are confiscating telephone wires and all copper articles of domestic use in Belgium.

ALBION'S NAVY HAS SQUARED
ACCOUNTS WITH ADMIRAL
VON SPOE

TWO WARSHIPS MAKE THEIR ES-
CAPE. THEY ARE HOTLY
PURSUED

ENGLISH CASUALTIES OFFICIAL-
LY REPORTED AS THREE
KILLED AND WOUNDED

Santiago, Chile, Dec. 10.—The reports received here of the sinking of the German Cruisers Scharnhorst, Gneisenau and Leipzig by British warships off the Falkland Islands, say that two other German cruisers engaged in the battle were badly damaged.

London, Dec. 10.—The British navy has squared the account with Admiral Von Spee.

In the most terrific naval engagement in point of guns and tonnage yet fought in the war, Vice Admiral Sir Frederick C. D. Sturdee's cruiser squadron of Von Spee, sunk his flagship, the armored cruiser Scharnhorst of 11,420 tons, his sister ship the Gneisenau and the light cruiser Leipzig of 3,400 tons.

Two Ships Escape: Pursued

The light cruisers urnberg and Dresden escaped and are being pursued by the victorious British fleet. Two colliers attached to the German fleet were captured.

The official statement of the admiralty published by the press bureau last night says some survivors of the Gneisenau and Leipzig were rescued, but no mention is made of any survivors of the flagship Scharnhorst, and it is believed that Admiral Von Spee went down with his ship.

At Least 1,500 Dead

The complements of the Scharnhorst and the Gneisenau were 764 men each, and that of the Leipzig 303. Thus more than 1,500 officers and men were aboard the three ships that sank, and it is believed that the losses will exceed 1,500.

The battle occurred yesterday morning off the Falkland Islands in the South Atlantic, 300 miles east of the Atlantic entrance of the Straits of Magellan.

The British casualties are officially reported as three killed and wounded.

Admiralty's Announcement

The official announcement issued by the admiralty is as follows:

"On Tuesday morning the Scharnhorst, Gneisenau, Nürnberg, Leipzig and Dresden were sighted near the Falkland Islands by a British squadron under Vice Admiral Sir Frederick Sturdee.

"An action followed, in the course of which the Scharnhorst, flying the flag of Admiral Von Spee, the Gneisenau and the Leipzig were sunk.

Pursue Two Vessels

"The Dresden and the urnberg fled. They are being pursued.

"Two colliers were also captured.

"Some survivors were rescued from the Gneisenau and the Leipzig."

The announcement of the admiralty fails to state what British ships were engaged for fear of informing the German admiralty of the whereabouts of the warships.

Christmas Holidays.

The schools of Fairmont, including the High school, the ward schools and the State Normal, will close for the Christmas holidays on Friday, December 18 and remain closed until Monday the 4th of January, when they will reconvene. This gives two weeks vacation to the pupils and teachers.

Poultry Men Meet Tonight

The Fairmont Poultry Association will hold a meeting tonight in the city building. Several matters of importance, relating to the Poultry Show which takes place in January, will be discussed.

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS.

City taxes are now due and payable at the office of the Treasurer. During December only no interest will be charged. After December 31, 1914, interest will be charged on all unpaid taxes.

Taxes will be collected as soon as possible by the Treasurer after January 1, 1915.

Why not call at the office now, save your interest and a visit from the Treasurer.

J. R. MILLER,
Treasurer.

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—and—
BOUDOIR LAMPS
—at—
Scott's**